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### Democratic Ticket.

For Circuit Judge:

S. G. KINNEER.

For Commonwealths Attorney:

JOHN M. WAUGH.

Between 700 and 800 sacks of Christmas mail, bound from New York for Western points, were destroyed by fire on the New York Central railroad yesterday.

The trusts are better represented in Washington this season than are the people. Representatives are there in great numbers prepared to fight any undesirable trust legislation that may come up in the house or senate.

For the first time since the ballot was given to the negroes, there will not be a Negro in the South Carolina Legislature or in any state office next year. The disfranchisement of the blacks as a class by law and the abandonment of the "Lily White" Republicans acted to keep them away from the polls.

William McGill, a negro of Chattanooga, who edits a paper at that place, has announced that he will try to secure the office of chaplain of the next House of Representatives. He is one of the leaders of his race and prominent in opposition to the "Lily Whites." He is said to have strong backing for the place.

The greatest invention of the age has just been perfected. It is that of Marconi, the great Italian electrician, by which long messages are transmitted without the aid of wires. On last Sunday the inventor successfully sent a message across the Atlantic. Thus has wireless telegraphy, which a short time ago looked like an impossibility, become a fact.

A special from Washington has this of interest here:

"Representative Hughes was at the War Department and had a long conference with Colonel McKinsie, of the Engineer Department, regarding the construction of the river and harbor appropriation bill on the Big Sandy river, between Louisa and Catlettsburg. "The river and harbor bill appropriated money for this work, and Mr. Hughes is anxious that the work should be pushed so that active operations will be commenced in the spring. Both Senators Elkins and Scott are aiding Mr. Hughes in his efforts to expedite the work on these improvements."

Congressman Keboe has also been urging the department to let the contracts for these dams right away. If this request is complied with, the successful bidders will have time to secure materials and prepare for opening the work as soon as the low water season comes. They would then be able to complete the dams in one season, thus giving us the use of nearly forty miles of slackwater a year sooner than otherwise. Our readers doubtless know that only the locks have been contracted. The dams have not yet been placed under contract.

Much of the lawlessness existing around here and throughout this section is due to the practice, so prevalent in our courts, of compromising cases. It is a very rare instance where a compromise should be made with a criminal. The excuse that it is done to save the county, state, town or people the expense of executing the penalty prescribed by law is the weakest and most dangerous thing imaginable. Economy is not the object in matters where the peace and

## HEALTH INSURANCE

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stake; and if it were, there is no property of a community are at economy in compromising with criminals. The practice encourages the vicious in giving their lawless inclinations full sway, filling the criminal dockets and increasing the work and expense of the courts. Only a rigid enforcement of the law, regardless of the cost, will hold the lawless element in check. The citizens who bear the heaviest part of the burdens of taxation are not the ones who "count the cost" of the punishment of crime. They want the laws enforced and are willing to pay the cost.

Any officer who is not doing his whole duty in suppressing crime should resign. Refusing to do this, he should be removed from office in the manner prescribed by law, or by those having the power to do so.

The law-abiding people are in the majority and only need to assert their power; and that they intend to do this is very evident from the sentiment that has been growing and showing itself for some time past in this section. It is like a gathering storm, whose mutterings foretell the outburst of fury that is to follow.

### RATCLIFF.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. J. H. Frasier.

Cecil Molins has returned home from West Virginia, where he has been for some time.

Mrs. Lora and Della Belcher are visiting relatives on East Fork.

Born, to Harrie Cains and wife, a girl.

Jerome Dean and Andy Hunter were on Beltrac last week.

Born, to G. B. Belcher and wife, a girl.

John Belcher, who has fever, is some better.

Minnie Thompson was visiting Misses Kate Grim Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lee and Dora Belcher and J. H. Frasier and F. B. Keller were visiting friends at Webbville Sunday.

Brice Bailey was calling on Miss Jessie Hughes Sunday.

S. T. Kiger has been on the sick list for a few days.

Flem Molins and Brice Bailey spent Saturday and Sunday with John Frasier.

Jake Neal, of East Fork, is visiting his uncle Wm Belcher, of this place.

Miss Dora Belcher will spend Christmas with relatives at Ashland.

Stops The Cough and Works off the Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no pay.

### LAUREL HILL.

Edmond Sagraves, of Mazie, is now at A. M. Sagraves' and will stay with relatives at this place till the holidays are over.

Gusta Evans and Oscar Williams went to Lewis Lemasters' today.

Plura and Lula Sagraves are visiting their parents and former schoolmates today, Sarah and Bertha Estep.

The school closed here last Friday. All had a good time eating candy.

A. M. Sagraves went to Red Bush yesterday and returned today.

H. F. Williams went to Louisa Monday with a load of produce and brought back a load of goods.

We will have a winter school here, D. R. Skaggs teacher.

A ball of fire about the size of a water bucket was seen to fall near Red Butte, on the night of the 20th.

Harve Lyon and J. H. Phillips have gone to Whitehouse.

Revs. Samuel Johnson and W. B. Skaggs are attending church near Lowmansville.

Let us hear from Whitehouse again. We wish everybody a merry Christmas.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c.

### THE WORLD AS IT IS.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you.

Weep, and you weep alone; For the brave old earth must borrow its mirth.

It has trouble enough of its own.

Sing, and all will answer: Sigh, it is lost in air;

For the echoes bound to a joyous sound But shrink from the voice of care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you; Grieve, and they turn and go;

They want full measure of all your pleasure.

But they do not want your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are many; Be sad, and you lose them all;

There are none to decline your hearted wine.

But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded; Fast, and the world goes by;

Succeed, and give, it will help you to live.

There is room in the hall of pleasure For a long and lordly train;

But one by one we must all file on Through the narrow aisles of pain.

The Senate Committee on Education and Labor in reporting the Eight-hour Labor Bill, says that by its enactment the workman will be better and happier.

### Greatest Farmer.

It must prove of interest to every farmer to know who the man is who owns the biggest farm in the world, and to know where he lives and how he conducts his business, as well as some incidents in his life. That man is David Rankin, and he lives at Tarkio, Atchison county, Missouri. He is a millionaire. He is the largest stock feeder in the world, as well as the largest corn raiser, and he is the largest shipper of cattle which are fed by himself. His farm consists of 23,000 acres, and it is all tilled under his personal supervision. He raises the raw material in grain and sells the finished product in fattened stock.

His motto is "Thou shalt not sell corn," and this motto he rigidly adheres to. He attends to corn in every stage of its growth, but he has never sold even as much as a kernel. It is against his principles, his conviction, his experience. He has lived in Illinois. His start in life was a colt worth \$52, which his father had given him. He swapped the colt for calves, and these he traded for a pair of steers with which he worked an eighty-acre farm he had bought on credit. It was six weeks after he was married before he had money enough to buy a broad board. He got his start in Henderson county, Illinois. He put money in the bank for awhile but that did not suit him, and when he got ready he began buying land in Atchison county, where he now lives. The farm is divided into fourteen divisions, numbered from one to fourteen. Each division is a ranch under the direct charge of a foreman. There are all like the heads of departments in a great mercantile establishment. They are educated and capable men, and they are paid from \$50 a month to \$1,000 a year. Under their direction are 200 employees. These he pays \$25 to \$30 a month "wet or dry," and Mr. Rankin pays their board. It is thirty-five miles from one end of the farm to the other. Something over 20,000 acres are in Atchison county and he has an additional 3,000 acres across the State line in Fremont county, Iowa. On the fourteen ranches there are thirty-five houses. On each ranch there is a good house foreman and his family and a large house where the employees are boarded by the wife of one of them, who is paid \$20 a week for each man by Mr. Rankin. The "home ranch" lies on three sides of Tarkio and extends as far as the eye can reach. It requires 700 teams to do the work on this 23,000-acre farm. Most of his teams are mules, but he also keeps a number of good horses.

The expenses are \$300 a day. There are times when \$100 is the cost of feed every day. For chain harness there is spent \$3,000 a year. There is not a leather trace on the farm. Leather is not used where chains can be used. In Northwestern Missouri the roads are not good, but that cuts no figure when anything has to be hauled over them. It is only a matter of how many horses will be necessary to pull the load and of having harness that will stand the strain.

The chief products of the farm is corn. There is a wheat field of 2,000 acres and the rest of the ground is sown with clover, timothy and blue grass. When seeded down the land is used for pasture for four years. On his fourteen thousand acres of corn field there is raised 400,000 bushels of corn. That is only about half enough to feed his cattle. He buys all the corn his neighbors will sell him and then he goes to market for more. One year he bought 438,000 bushels. There are times when from 3,000 to 8,000 bushels of corn are fed in one day. In busy seasons, in addition to the 700 teams, he hires all the horses he can at \$1 a day. He has invested \$50,000 in machinery of which he buys only the best. He is enthusiastic about two-row cultivators and two-row plows. His aim is to get the maximum amount of work from a minimum number of men by the use of machinery. He contends that this is the secret of success in farming.

Corn rows a mile long are not unusual on the farm. In the spring 100 acres of corn are planted every time the plows and drills travel over two and a half miles. The ranches range in size from 610 to 3,100 acres. On July 3rd every man in the employ of Mr. Rankin receives \$5 with a patriotic purpose assuredly, as the day following is the national holiday. Mr. Rankin feeds from 8,000 to 10,000 head of cattle on the farm and two or three times as many hogs. Many of the cattle are bought and fed and sold again, but all the hogs are raised on the farm. The sales of hogs amount to \$80,000 a year.

To follow his farming methods in every detail would be highly interesting, but space forbids. His profits last year were over \$64,000. There have been years when they were above \$100,000. The men on the farm work 16 hours a day. Mr. Rankin works 16. That is his only diversion. He has taken only two vacations in sixty years. On one of these he went to Europe, but that was more of a business than a pleasure trip. On another occasion he went to Yellowstone Park. He reads very little, doesn't drink, smoke or swear, and gives little attention to his personal appearance. He says good looks are bad for a man as well as a woman.—Homestead.

2,886,739.

Total Vote of New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

The News is in receipt of the following letter, which will be of interest to all those who availed themselves of our offer to make estimates on the vote of the three states in the recent election:

"We wish to notify you that we have received the official figures of the total vote cast for Governor in the State of New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan and they are as follows:  
New York 1,389,799  
Pennsylvania 1,094,714  
Michigan 402,226  
2,886,739

The accountant appointed by the Committee on Awards is now tabulating the estimates and it is expected that the winners will be announced during the first week of January.

We will mail a list of winners to you as soon as it can be obtained. Yours very truly,  
Press Publishing Ass'n."

### Santa Claus is Working for Us

With lamps, vases, dolls, perfumery, fancy box writing paper—everything nice for Xmas presents. A nice pair of spectacles would please father, mother or grandparent. We have them from 15c to \$2. per pair, solid gold and silver frames, written guarantee with every pair. Would cost you twice as much at other stores. Nicest line of candies in town, will undersell all others. See us before you buy millinery. It is a special feature with us. Our second opening begins Dec. 10.

20 lbs granulated sugar \$1.00; Arbuckle coffee, 10c; good green coffee, 10c; 2 lbs soda, 5c; 6 boxes matches, 5c. G. V. MEER.

### EAST POINT.

We are having lots of mud and water.

Miss Mary Patton, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is improving.

Boots Triend, of Hager Hill, says he is foreman on the C. & O. railroad, and having some good work done.

F. M. Moles, of this place, is having a nice lot of telephone poles gotten out.

Mrs. Mollie Auxier and son went to Paintsville last week.

Miss Laura Friend, of Paintsville, visited at Hager Hill recently.

Thomas Kistner, of Hager Hill, says he is a candidate for school trustee next year.

Mrs. Tiple Conley, of Hager Hill, who has been sick, we are glad to say, is improving.

Joe Miller, of this place, made a trip to Hells Gate Monday evening and came near getting his team drowned.

Lewis Conley, of Hager Hill, made a flying trip to Bonanza Tuesday.

It is said there will be a wedding here Xmas.

### PAINTSVILLE.

Mrs. Mariah Wheeler now occupies her new residence in the lower end of town.

Judge J. Frank Atkinson and Dr. Kash, of Salsersville, were here the first of the week.

Taylor Billups, of Louisa, was here Tuesday and Wednesday talking groceries to our merchants.

Marvin Mayo, who has a nice position with the Northern Coal and Coke Co., is here this week calling on his many friends.

Forest Hager, Clint Wheeler, Chally Patrick, Israel, of Paintsville, who have positions with the Northern Coal and Coke Co., of Pike county have returned home this week for Christmas.

Claude Buckingham's new residence on second street opposite T. J. Mayo's is nearing completion.

But isn't Paintsville growing? That great prosperity which we have been talking about has arrived and the future of our town is no longer a dream.

The new county road from Concord to the mouth of Muddy branch has been completed and is said to be one of the best roads in the county.

Traffic on the hack line between this place and Whitehouse has been unusually heavy the past two weeks. Owing to the bad condition of the road, it has been nearly impossible to reach Paintsville a part of the time before late at night.—Paintsville Leader.

### DWALE.

The merchants have laid in a fine supply of Christmas goods.

Dave Mayo, who has been ill for some time, is now a great deal better.

Rev. Jas. Lafferty, our present circuit rider, is now unable to preach. Has heart trouble.

Rev. G. A. May preached an interesting sermon Sunday at Johnson's Chapel. He also fills Bro. Lafferty's appointment at this place next Sunday and Saturday night.

George Laven fell from a barn loft the other day and sprained his ankle. George has a good excuse for laying around now.

A merry Christmas to the News. Thelma.

### SNATCHED FROM SEA.

Sailors Tell of Their Thrilling Rescue by Means of Human Chain.

Terrible Experience in a Raging Sea Which Tore Their Ship to Pieces and Cast Them Into the Dashing Surf.

Mate Charles Florian, of the American barkentine steamer Thurlow, smashed in a cyclone lashed surf at Cape Lookout cove, just south of Hatteras, a week ago, has told how the Thurlow was wrecked and how the men saved were hauled through the surf by a human chain of life-savers of the Point Lookout station. When they were finally taken ashore, Mate Florian says, the clothes of the entire party consisted of one trouser leg worn by himself. He said the Thurlow was bound from Charleston to this port with lumber and ran into rough weather. At 3:30 a. m. on Friday, December 5, the forecast snapped off close to the deck and held by the shrouds, pounded alongside. The main topmast went later, and the vessel was forced almost on beam ends. It began to break up forward, and the crew huddled on the after cabin, burning oil soaked oakum to attract the Point Lookout life-savers.

The ship had drifted within range of the life-savers' gun, which fired two lines to it. Both fell short.

As the projectile of the third line dropped alongside, the mizenmast fell, striking Steward John Chobley on the head, killing him instantly, and knocking him into the mate's arms.

A comber swept his body into the sea. Second Mate Custin and Seaman Finch also were hit by the falling spar.

Their shipmates dragged them to the poop, the only part of the ship not washed by the seas.

The poop drifted off the wreck at daylight and the seven castaways were carried in toward the surf. Capt. Gaskell, of the life-savers, and his men formed a human chain stretching out into the breakers and the sailormen were hauled ashore.

GIVES TEST OF NEW FUEL.

Austin W. Granville Exhibits Oil Briquette Before the Engineering Society.

Austin W. Granville, a former newspaper man of Chicago, gave an exhibition the other night at the Sherman house to the Western Society of Engineers of a crude oil briquette which he has invented.

He had a good audience and the trial made of his briquette by burning it in a grate seemed to be satisfactory to the experts.

The briquettes resemble ordinary bricks in size and shape, but are quite light and of a glossy black color. They can be like others, composed in part of coal dust and sawdust, the object of which is to reduce and control their fierce heating power.

Based on the ton rate of anthracite coal, the new fuel, it is claimed, can be manufactured and shipped to all quarters of the globe at a low rate.

In thermal units it is said to exceed anthracite coal by one-third. It is free from smoke, safe from spontaneous combustion and not liable to accidents in transit. The inventor expects it to replace liquid petroleum as a fuel for stationary engines, steamships and naval vessels of all kinds.

GIFT FOR POOR BREAKER BOY.

Cincinnati Man Sends Miners' Union Money for Youth Who Testified Before Strike Commission.

The story of the little breaker boy who testified before the arbitration commission that his wages had been confiscated by a coal company to pay an old debt of his father has aroused the sympathy of a Cincinnati man, who has written Secretary Wilson, of the mine workers, enclosing a substantial Christmas present.

The writer explained that he wanted to help give the boy at least one enjoyable Christmas. The money was sent to Scranton, and will be delivered to the boy on Christmas day.

WANT MORE MULES.

Camp at Lathrop, Mo., to Be Reestablished by the British, as 100,000 Animals Are Needed.

Agents of the British war office arrived at St. Joseph, Mo., for the purpose of making arrangements to re-establish at Lathrop, Mo., near St. Joseph, the British government's mule depot, which was maintained during the greater part of the South African war. England wants 100,000 mules and horses to be transported to South Africa to restock the Boer farms and is prepared to pay top prices for good stock. This will put \$1,000,000 in the pockets of western horse and mule raisers.

COLLEGE GIRLS BAR TIGHTS.

Club of University of Wisconsin Is Forced to Select a New Play.

The play to be given by the Harefoot club of the University of Wisconsin will not be "All the Comforts of Home," as previously announced. No young woman could be found among those dramatically inclined who was willing to wear tight.

So in place of "All the Comforts of Home," "My Friend from India" will be presented. This comedy presents no difficulties of acrobatic nature, all the participants being clad in non-chorus girl costumes.

Blue Island, Ill., Jan. 14, 1901. Messrs. Ely Bros.:—I have used your Cream Balm in my family for nine years and it has become my family doctor for colds in the head. I use it freely on my children as they are troubled more or less.

Yours respectfully, J. Kimball. Judge for yourself. Atrial size can be had for the small sum of ten cents. Supplied by druggists or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York. Full size, 50 cts.

"Hello Sam, what you gwine?" "To G. V. Meek's Cheap Cash Store, in town."

"Bet I kin guess what you're after?" "Well, guess?"

"Big pair shoes all solid leather?" "Yes!" "Two suits underwader that'll last two years?" "Yes!" "Big suit clothes that'll last forever and turn to a steamboat?" "Yes!"

"Well, you're the gasconed nigger I ever saw, so meet me at Meek's store."

### OUR NEIGHBORS.

Dr. Ketter, of Glenwood, is here looking up a location, and will bring his family here as soon as possible.—Ashland Independent.

J. M. Gill will succeed C. E. Doyle as Manager of the C. & O. railroad system. Mr. Doyle will probably go with the Pennsylvania system.

Intelligence from Grayson is that smallpox has broken out and that several houses have been quarantined, but that the inmates have, in some instances, defied the power of the health officers.

Editor Ed L. Wright, of the Catlettsburg Daily Press, has sold half interest in his newspaper plant to Felix Meek, the Catlettsburg job printer and a son of Rev. Z. Meek. The firm name will hereafter be Wright & Meek.

A new oil well which came in on the Byrley lease in the Knox county field has an estimated daily capacity of at least 250 barrels. The Standard Oil Company's pipe-line has been delayed in construction by bad weather, and will not be ready for two or three days.

Mrs. M. Dennison, the oldest resident of Southern Ohio, is dead at her home over at Getaway. She was one hundred and four years old at the time of her death, and until within the past few days had been in the best of health. A few days ago, however, she was out in the cold and damp and caught a severe cold, which soon developed into the grippe, which caused her death.

After a prolonged absence from Princeton, during which he had traveled through many lands, the Rev. T. J. French, of Ashland, Ky., returned to renew old acquaintances and shake hands with old friends.

At the request of the pastor and people of the Southern Methodist Church he last night delivered his justly celebrated lecture, "The Man Among Men."

The lecture is a work of art. The simplicity of language and vividness of imagery, the grandeur of thought and force of its expression takes hold of an audience and keeps it spell-bound from the time the speaker first steps before it until the peroration brings its heavy round of applause.

Rev. French's personality is a very pleasing one. His voice is sympathetic and resonant. The whole man is full of force and vigor.

The good wishes of his many friends—both old and new go with him.—The Mercer Republican, Princeton, W. Va.

The Courier Journal says: "From present indications Ashland is to make some larger cities than herself get up early in the morning if they beat her contributing to the \$100,000 fund being raised for a Kentucky building and a full display of Kentucky's products and resources at the St. Louis World's Fair."

She was the first to subscribe to the Kentucky Exhibit Association, Judge S. S. Savage, president of the Ashland Fire Brick Co., sending down a check of \$50 as the contribution of his concern. The latest subscription from the "metropolis of Eastern Kentucky," as Judge Savage called the city bustling of Boyd in his speech before the Commercial Club last month, came yesterday. It was for \$150, and was made by Mr. Douglas Putnam, president of the Ashland Iron and Mining Company.

It is understood that Ashland firms and corporations are determined that their city shall make the best showing of any place of the size in the State, and if future subscriptions keep up at the rate of those already received at headquarters, she will stand a good chance of doing so."

The recent strike in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, has taught the lesson of necessity, and the value of coal, more strikingly in the bituminous as well as in the anthracite region, than could be accomplished in any other manner.

The crisis was near at hand when all industries would be compelled to shut down for want of coal. No substitute has been found to take the place of coal.

The fact that the old fields are rapidly becoming exhausted, has induced capital to look around for fresh fields. This condition of affairs was anticipated several years ago by John C. Mayo. He invested every penny he could gather together in the choicest tracts of coal lands throughout the Big Sandy Valley. He well knew that our Valley would be developed in a few years, that the fine veins of coal of all kinds would be of necessity attract the attention of capital, that the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad would extend its lines up the Valley at the proper time, hence he made all haste to get in on the ground floor, to pick up the best coal property in the Valley and sit down and patiently await the knock of fortune. The panic of '93 and '94 came and it looked blue for Mayo—brier than a raw March wind—but he bore the burden patiently, simply whittled his knife and whittled on the dry goods boxes and saved his powder for a better day.

The advent of some northern capitalists brought about that better day. Mayo showed up his fine

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JUST RECEIVED—Big line of the absolutely waterproof Woonsocket Duck Boot, the product of the Woonsocket Rubber Company.

### The Eloise Improvement Co.,

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## BIG SANDY NEWS.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1902.

James Hale has been quite sick for several days, but is now better.

If you want to save money, buy winter shoes, clothing and groceries of G. V. Meek.

Miss Emma Wallace, who has been sick for several days, is again able to be out.

Full consideration of quality will show Snyder Bros. to be the cheapest place in this section to buy furniture.

W. H. Waideck's health continues to improve. He is now able to get out in town.

For Sale:—The J. W. M. Stewart residence, in Louisa. Price reasonable and terms easy. Apply to M. F. Conley.

L. B. Ferguson is putting some fine wall paper on the residence of R. L. Vinson.

The city ordinance against shooting fire works on the streets is being entirely ignored in Louisa.

John Waldeck, Jr., of this city, and Miss Spears, of Whitehouse were married in Ironton, Wednesday.

Granville Skeens died at his home near Hubbardstown, W. Va., Saturday night. He leaves a large family.

We are selling good furniture cheaper than other people are selling cheap furniture. Convince yourselves by looking at our stock.

SNYDER BROS.

Jerry Endicott and family came to Louisa from Breathitt county Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives. Jerry is a section foreman on the Ohio & Kentucky railroad.

F. H. Yates is very sick with typhoid fever. He has been sick about two weeks, but the nature of the disease did not fully manifest itself for several days.

B. F. Martin was tried before U. S. Commissioner M. S. Burns a few days ago upon a charge of selling whiskey, and was held to answer to the U. S. court. Marshal Salyer took him to Frankfort.

The entertainment given Friday night at the Masonic Opera House by the Louisa Dramatic Society was liberally patronized and the audience seemed well pleased with the program. The affair netted over \$25.00 for the brass band boys.

Leo F. Drake, a Louisa boy who has made a success in politics and business in Mingo county, W. Va., was married recently to Mrs. Mollie Dingus, a wealthy young widow of that county. They have just returned from a bridal trip to Washington city.

The Bank of Louisa has declared a five per cent. dividend on the business of the six months which are just drawing to a close. The stockholders will also receive a sum amounting to four per cent. on their holdings, to be paid out of the undivided profits fund.

The largest stock of winter goods ever brought to Louisa now open and must go at cut prices. All solid leather shoes, up to date clothing, calicoes, outtings, winter goods of all kinds. See our goods and the prices we quote will convince you we are the cheapest.

G. V. Meek.

A Danville groceryman spends \$1,300 annually for newspaper advertising in a town of about 5,000 population. He finds it necessary now to employ ten clerks, and is about to establish a branch house at Perryville. The Danville man has learned how to use newspaper space, liberally and intelligently.

"Skaggs" has been tried in Police Court upon three charges for his escapade of last week and was convicted in each. For shooting on the streets he was fined \$50. For destroying street lights, \$15. For pointing a deadly weapon at officer, \$50 and ten days imprisonment. Victor Caperton, also, was tried for discharging fire-arms on the streets, and was fined \$50.

J. Albritton Chapman died on Thursday of last week at Cassville, from the effects of the injuries received several weeks ago, when a large stone rolled off of a wagon and crushed him. He was buried at Fairview cemetery Saturday. A wife and two children survive him. He was about thirty years of age, and was a good citizen. He was a son of Rev. John R. Chapman, who lives on Lick creek, near this place. His wife is a daughter of Clabe Wellman.

Mr. J. F. Hackworth, whose store burned recently, has a force of men at work clearing away the debris preparatory to rebuilding. The plan of the other building will be followed. Mr. Hackworth will also move his old warehouse away and erect two brick store rooms between his corner building and Mr. R. T. Burns' office. These will be first class rooms and will be for rent. Mr. Hackworth will resume his general merchandising business as soon as the corner building is completed, which will probably be late next spring.

## WEDDINGS.

Again has the cozy church on the corner been clad in its wedding array. Once more have the now familiar strains of the wedding march filled the sacred building, and again has a fair daughter of Louisa stood at the altar and put her hand in that of another and promised to love "until death do us part." He who won this beautiful maid is Mr. Homer A. Scholze, formerly of Providence, Rhode Island, but now Assistant United States Engineer and connected with the corps engaged in the improvement of this river. She who surrendered herself into his keeping was Miss Hildegard Roffe, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roffe, of this city. Their intended nuptials have been the theme of conversation for many days, and their celebration at the M. E. South last Tuesday afternoon was a very charming occasion. The clouds which had lowered above us had broken away, and the air was of just that degree which permitted you to wear just anything you pleased, and a peep at the good looking, well groomed people who crowded the church showed this was what was worn.

Promptly at one-thirty a chorus from the choir of the church began the famous March from Mendelssohn, and the bridal party entered, march up both aisles and meeting at the chancel, where Revs. S. A. Donahoe and J. A. Boland stood ready to say that which would unite two very handsome, two very popular and worthy people. And this they did, very beautifully and impressively. And as the high contracting parties stood before the ministers their attendants claimed and merited a large share of interest and attention. A few months ago the pretty girl who this day assumed the dignity of wifehood was the Maid of Honor at the Stewart-Campbell marriage, and today, looking handsome and happy, Mr. and Mrs. M. Campbell attended her cousin and his fellow-engineer. The other attendants were Miss Sue Melles, of Ironton, and Mr. Robert Bickel, brother of the bride. The gowns, hats and other accessories of the ladies were rich, tasteful and appropriate. Not being a Delineator or a Ladies Home Journal the News wisely refrains from weak attempts at further description. We will say just a little more: brown was the prevailing color, and from dainty boots to stylish hat all was very becoming. In the decoration of the church yellow and green dominated, and the blending of tints was pleasing and harmonious. There was no reception, and soon after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Scholze took the train for Catlettsburg, intending to leave for Washington at 3:30, returning to Louisa in about ten days. Very many rich and beautiful gifts testified to the esteem in which the bride and groom are held by many friends and relatives.

The bride is a Louisa girl, taking front rank among our many pretty women, and this, by the way, is saying very much indeed. She is a pianist of no small ability, and among the domestic virtues she is a model, simple, unaffected and popular. Mr. Scholze has been connected several years with the engineer department of the Big Sandy improvement, and is a popular, estimable gentleman, every way worthy of the girl to whom he has given his name. To him and his bride the News drinks long life and prosperity!

There is something dreadfully fatal to almost every Civil Engineer who strikes Louisa. Look at this list, names of those who have succumbed: B. F. Thomas, Lucien Johnson, J. C. Thomas, O. S. Horton, A. M. Campbell, H. C. Corns, W. T. Headley, H. A. Scholze. Very few have escaped, and there are others!

Miss Kenna Ferguson—Mr. Clyde L. Miller. Wednesday, December 23d, 6 a. m. Bride's Residence.

Rev. J. M. Boland, D. D. If the News didn't want to say more this would tell a great deal, but not enough. Dates and names do very well as something around which to twine and weave the details so interesting to all. "To all, did we say? Aye! All the world loves a lover, and in the happy event so barely outlined above there are very surely two lovers! It was a love match, pure and simple. They met—it seems but yesterday,—and as the knowledge of each other grew, so did their love for one another, and the day before yesterday morning, at her home, in the presence of "home folks" and but few others, sweet, pretty Kenna Ferguson and young, good looking, bustling Clyde Miller said they were all the world to each other, and would cherish, love and honor to the end. And then, amid smiles and tears, congratulations and good wishes, this young couple set out for Canal Winchester, Ohio, the former home of the groom. They will spend a few days there and—then come back to Louisa where the John W. Stewart house is waiting for them,—a veritable nest, beautifully furnished and fitted, ready in all respects for the right beginning of their united lives.

The bride is the youngest daughter of the late John M. Ferguson, and is a young lady of whom any

man might be proud. She is the petted youngest sister, beloved by a large circle of friends. She made a pretty picture in her traveling suit of brown and green and big shepherdess hat. Mr. Miller is well known as the private secretary of Col. Jay H. Northrup. His long service in the confidential employ of such a business man is proof of worth and merit. The News wishes these young people continued happiness and much prosperity.

The marriage last evening at 6 o'clock of Dr. V. V. Adkins to Miss Lillian R., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Campbell was celebrated quietly and with as little display as possible. The ceremony was performed at the beautiful home of the bride's parents, on West Bath avenue, by the Rev. S. A. Donahoe, presiding elder of this district and former pastor of the M. E. Church, South, of which the bride is a member. Only the immediate family was present. Following the ceremony a pretty wedding supper was served.

While the bride and groom are both personal friends of the writer, we feel that if we should speak of them as we should like, it would seem undue flattery, for there are no parties whom we more highly esteem; but we join their many friends in extending congratulations. Dr. and Mrs. Adkins will be at home to their friends at 318 West Bath avenue.—Ashland Daily Independent.

Monday morning about eight o'clock an accident occurred at Hampton City Junction just above Catlettsburg, which may result very seriously. Mrs. Rhoda Musie, and her daughter, were on their way from Nicholas county, W. Va., to Prestonsburg and had started down the railroad track to Hampton station where they intended taking the O. & B. S. train, when they saw a freight coming up and, as so often happens, stepped from one track, to get out of the way of the freight, and on the other right in front of C. & O. train No. 3. The engineer whistled and tried to stop the train but to no avail, and though the daughter got off the track in time, Mrs. Musie was struck by the train and her left leg and ankle, and her right arm near the elbow were broken, while it is probable that she was also injured internally. She was taken to the C. & O. hospital in Huntington, where she will be carefully looked after. She is the wife of G. W. Musie, who is temporarily employed at Richmond W. Va.—Catlettsburg Press.

## Presents for Employees.

Col. Jay H. Northrup's well known spirit of liberality has this year exceeded all past record in its expression at the Christmas season. He has given to all his many employees at Whitehouse and Torchlight, and to each member of the families of these men, checks good for various amounts of merchandise at the stores. The total sum given away is quite large. We did not learn the amount, as this item was not secured from Col. Northrup; and he would probably not agree for the particulars to be made public anyway. The miners and other beneficiaries of this benevolence received the gifts with evident gratefulness.

John Minotti died in Cassville yesterday, after an illness of several months. He died at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. I. H. Harris. Mr. Minotti was a good citizen and a member of the Masonic fraternity. The burial will be under the auspices of that order.

A more extended notice will be given next week.

## Notice of Stray.

Bollin Tackett has a stray heifer about 18 months old at his home on Yellow creek in Lawrence county about one and one-half miles above the Falls of Tug. Description, a mouse color, horned, with a little white star in forehead, about two in right side, and about 6 inches of tail white. Has been about my place since about the 20 of last May.

The Lawrence Fiscal Court was in session Tuesday to take the action necessary to selling the franchise for building ten miles of gas pipe line along down the river to the Boyd county line. M. S. Burns was appointed a commissioner to advertise and offer the franchise at public sale on Friday, January 2nd, 1903. The court adjourned until that date, when it will again meet and be ready to take prompt action upon the report of the commissioner. If Lawrence county secures this line it will add a nice sum to our tax receipts each year. The N. & W. prefers to move the Triple State Company's line to this side of the river if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Near Ten-Mile, in Lincoln county, Joseph Bias and his father, R. A. Bias, were engaged in blasting rock on the Guyandotte Valley extension of the C. and O. There was a premature explosion and Joseph was killed and his father fatally injured. Harry Townsend was blown thirty feet away and a dozen bones in his body broken. He may die.

## Important Railroad Deal.

One of the most important deals which has occurred since the policy of "centralization" was put into effect by the moneyed interests of the country occurred Thursday, when the Charleston, Clendenning and Southern Road passed into the hands of the Wabash Railroad Company. So secret had the matter of the proposed transfer been kept that scarcely any person, aside from those who had to sign the documents, was aware of the fact that the transfer was to be made. It was made, however, in the office of Chilton, McCorkle & Chilton, the well-known attorneys of Charleston. It is understood that the negotiations for the sale were conducted by Governor McCorkle, in whose office the formal transfer took place.

The road purchased by the Wabash Company is one of the important coal roads of the country, and while it is not a long road it is regarded as a great "producer." It has been for years a feeder for the Kanawha and Michigan, and now that it has passed into the hands of the Wabash system the prospects for a war with the K. and M. are very good. It is generally understood that for some time the Wabash people have been looking for an opportunity to get into the territory covered by the Charleston, Clendenning and Southern, and that it was with an idea of stopping the in-roads made on their traffic by the Kanawha and Michigan. The transfer is to take effect immediately.

Following upon the heels of the news of the transfer of the C. C. and S. to the Wabash system came the startling news to a few of the men who are on the inside that today the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo will change hands, and that the latter road will be merged with the C. and O. Of course this means that the Pennsylvania people have secured control of the Hocking Valley route. It is one of the greatest coal roads in the country, and is to be utilized to haul the coal from the mines of West Virginia, through which region the C. and O. runs, to the lake regions. At present the C. and O. has no outlet into that region, and it was for that reason the purchase of the Hocking Valley was necessary.

The plans for a bridge at Gallipolis have already been made, and the coal brought over the C. and O. from the mines will be sent over the bridge to the Hocking Valley and delivered by that road to the lake regions. A simple statement of the matter concerning the sale of the Hocking Valley route would be that the Pennsylvania people have determined that they must have a larger market for the coal mined along the C. and O. than they have at present, and for this reason have concluded that the purchase of the Hocking Valley was necessary. It was given out upon the very best of authority last night that the transfer of the Hocking Valley Road to the C. and O. will occur to-day.

## Railroad Doings.

The men of wealth who control the destinies of the great thoroughfare, the C. & O. railroad, and that other great piece of property, the Norfolk & Western, says a New York dispatch, have jointly arranged to build a stretch of road that will thoroughly open up the most valuable coal lands in America, if not in the world. It will be a branch railway, connecting the two roads, and constructed in the heart of the coal fields of West Virginia. This branch is to be built from the C. & O. at the New River coal measures, following the Flat Top coal fields to a junction with the Norfolk and Western.—Williamson West Virginian.

Ironton, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The C. & O. D. railroad has secured important track and depot concessions from the city and will at once extend the line from Gallia through the Waterloo coal fields to Ironton. They will combine with the C. & O. to build a bridge over the Ohio river between this city and Ashland to shut out the Detroit Southern railway from getting through to the seaboard. Preliminary work will begin in the spring.

## Notice to Taxpayers.

I am compelled to settle with the county on Jan. 1st so when the deputy sheriff calls on you he must have the money or will levy. I have been very liberal with you but this settlement must be made. J. H. CORDELL, SHERIFF.



## PERSONALS.

Rev. H. B. Hewlett was in Huntington a few days ago.

S. M. Freese is home from Lexington for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Horton were down the river this week.

Miss Sadie Reynolds has returned from a visit in Mt. Sterling.

O. S. Horton is at home from Letcher county to spend the holidays.

Misses Alice Abbott and Grace Ferguson were in Ashland Saturday.

Miss May Cordell, of Huntington, visited Louisa friends this week.

Attorneys J. W. Woods, of Ashland, spent Sunday with Louisa friends.

Miss Emma Johnson, of Ironton, is the guest of Judge R. T. Burns and family.

Mrs. Schively, of Huntington, is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. D. Roffe.

Mrs. W. O. Pierce went to Grayson Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives.

C. & O. Agent S. J. Justice and family are spending the holidays with relatives at Ironton.

Mrs. D. Snyder, of Lawrence county, Ohio, is here visiting her sons, T. J. and Augustus.

Fred Moore and sister Miss Kate, of Cincinnati, are guests of their sister, Mrs. Alexander Lackey.

L. B. Ferguson went to Covington yesterday to see his little son, who is attending school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, of Thacker, W. Va., are spending the holidays with Louisa relatives.

Attorney H. G. Snyder, of Lexington, is here spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mrs. G. R. Vinson returned Thursday from a visit to her sister Mrs. J. F. Ratcliff in Huntington.

Miss Sallie Thaxton returned to her home in Huntington Saturday, after a visit to Mrs. H. G. Burckett.

Rev. J. T. French, of Ashland, attended the Reft-Scholze wedding Wednesday and called on many of his friends.

Henry Bussey came home Thursday of last week from Lexington to spend the vacation allowed to student at State College.

Mrs. Martha J. Ferguson went to Montgomery, W. Va., Tuesday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Suddith.

Misses Dixie Newberry and Tella Vaughan, of Catlettsburg, were guests of Miss Hildegard Roffe for a few days previous to the latter's wedding.

Mrs. Martha McClure has for her guests her sons, Dr. W. B. McClure, of Lexington, and Prof. G. M. McClure, of Danville, and their wives and little daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Johnson and three children arrived here Thursday evening of last week from Jamestown, Rhode Island, to visit Mrs. Johnson's parents, Judge and Mrs. R. T. Burns.

Mrs. C. H. Williamson and 4 children arrived Wednesday from Waukesha, Wis., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Burns. She was met at Ashland by her brother, John G. Burns.

## Frozen to Death

William Friend, a well known steamboat engineer, froze to death at the railroad water tank near the mouth of Blaine Wednesday night. He went to Catlettsburg and was on his way back on a train Wednesday evening, but we could not learn how it happened that he got off in that vicinity. He is said to have been intoxicated. His body was found Thursday morning and brought to this place. He was a son of the late Capt. John Friend, of this place. A daughter survives the unfortunate man. She lives with her grandfather, Fielden Isaacs, on Lick creek.

## SAVED AT GRAVE'S BRINK.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsum, of Decatur, Ala. "If it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds. For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at A. M. Hughes drug store."

## Sale of Franchise.

State of Kentucky. County of Lawrence. Whereas, George I. Neal having made application to me as Judge of the Lawrence County Court, for the calling of a special term of the Lawrence County Court, for the purpose of making an application for the right of way under, along and across the public roads, lands and passways of Lawrence county, for a pipeline for oil, and gas and a telephone or telephone line, and said George I. Neal having agreed to pay the expense of said special term: It is ordered that a special term of said Lawrence County Court be and it is called to meet at a Court House, in Louisa, Ky., on December 23, 1902, for the purpose of or-

# CLOAK NEWS

## FROM OUR BUSIEST DEPARTMENT.

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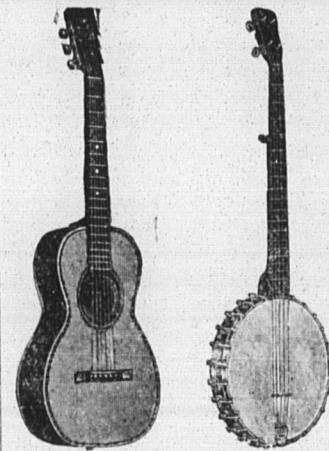
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dering a sale of the said franchise if the said Fiscal Court shall deem it proper and right.

This order is ordered to be entered on the order book of said Court and to be served on each Justice of the Peace of Lawrence county.

Witness my hand as Judge of said Court this 17th day of Dec. 1902.

R. F. Vinson.

Judge Lawrence County Court.

At a special term of Lawrence Fiscal Court held at the Court House, in Louisa, Kentucky, December 23, 1902, Present, Hon. Judge R. F. Vinson, presiding, and John C. Conley, J. N. Sparks, Jas. Perry, Tandy Giles, J. M. Berry, Lewis Swan, Justices of the Peace, present.

Pursuant to a call for a Special Term of the Lawrence County Fiscal Court, issued on December 17th, 1902, by R. F. Vinson, Judge of the Lawrence County Court, and entered upon the Order Book of this Court, and notice of which was served upon each member of said court, the Lawrence County Fiscal Court met at the Court House, in Louisa, Kentucky, on December 23d, 1902, Present, R. F. Vinson, Judge of the Lawrence County Court, and the following named Justices of the Peace of Lawrence county, to-wit: John C. Conley, J. N. Sparks, James Perry, Tandy Giles, J. M. Berry, Lewis Swan.

Whereas, Geo. I. Neal has this day made application for a franchise and right to use the roads, public ways and lands of Lawrence county, Kentucky, for the purpose of laying, maintaining and operating pipes and mains, within said county, for the introduction, conveyance and distribution of gas and oil, and for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a telephone or telegraph line.

It is now ordered by this Court that the franchise, privilege and right to lay, maintain and operate pipes and mains in, over and along the roads, public ways and lands of said county for a like period of twenty years, is now directed to be publicly offered for sale; and for this purpose M. S. Burns is hereby appointed a Commissioner of this Court to receive bids therefor, at the front door of the Court House, in Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, and for the purpose of giving due notice of same said Commissioner is ordered and directed to publish notice of said sale under this order by one issue in The Big Sandy News and 3 issues in The Ashland Daily Independent. The said sale and purchase shall be subject to the following conditions:

All excavations made by said purchaser, or assigns, for the laying of said pipes and mains, and for the construction of said telegraph or telephone line, for the purpose aforesaid, shall be with the least practical inconvenience to the public and individuals, and with reasonable dispatch; and all damage done to roads, public passways, or public lands, shall be repaired by said purchaser, or assigns, doing same at their own proper cost and without unreasonable delay, and in such a manner that the roads and public passways, wherever such excavations are made, shall be placed in as good condition as formerly. And if said purchaser or assigns, shall fail or refuse to remove all obstructions caused by them, or to make repairs within a reasonable time from the date of making said excavations, this Court, or the Supervisor of roads, or assigns, shall be responsible for all injury or damage to persons or property occasioned by want of care in opening, or keeping open, closing or repairing, or in any of said ways, obstructing said roads or passways. All expense incident to advertising and sale, and of this Special Term, shall be born by said purchaser.

It is further ordered that M. S. Burns, as Commissioner of this Court, execute all necessary papers to the purchaser of said rights and franchise as are required by law to vest said purchaser with the rights and privileges granted by said sale and purchase.

This shall not be a binding contract on any party or said Lawrence county until further action of this court so declaring it a contract.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In case all bids are rejected this order is held for naught.

M. S. Burns, Commissioner.



